

# Homeless Youth & Young Adult Stakeholder Forum



**3/26/2013 | 2 – 3:30PM**  
**RENTON YOUTHSOURCE**

**A MONTHLY OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR ABOUT  
THE CHANGES PLANNED FOR OUR  
HOMELESS YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT (YYA)  
SYSTEM IN KING COUNTY.**



# Objectives



- NAEH Conference Highlights
- Clear updates regarding the 3 priority action steps
- Count Us In results
- Preliminary conversation around outcomes
- Renton YouthSource visit

# Homeless YYA Initiative



- The Homeless Youth and Young Adult Initiative is King County's community-wide response to prevent and end homelessness among young people. The Initiative is led by the King County Committee to End Homelessness, richly advised by agency and government leaders, supported by private philanthropy and the public sector, and grounded in the voices and input of homeless and formerly homeless young people.



NAEH Conference  
Highlights

Questions for today

# Welcome & Introductions



# 3 Priority Action Step Updates



- **Coordinated Engagement:**
  - RFP for lead agency released, closes 2/28
  - Lead agency to be selected 1<sup>st</sup> week in March
  - Focus groups attended by over 80 providers
  - Focus group summary to be circulated shortly
- **Prevention & Early Intervention**
  - National Safe Place & Cocoon House's Project SAFE at NAEH
- **Data Coordination**
  - Potential to communicate appropriate YYA outcomes to HUD

# Comprehensive Plan Update



- 2<sup>nd</sup> Homeless YYA Initiative project manager hiring in process
- Civil Legal Needs of Homeless YYA
- Planning direction & next steps to launch with 2<sup>nd</sup> staff
  - YYA Funders Group
  - Existing thinking of provider community
  - Mockingbird YYA Cohort
  - Research, landscape assessment



Mockingbird  
Society

Fred Kingston &  
Katy Lukas

# Youth Voice Update



# Preliminary Count Us In data

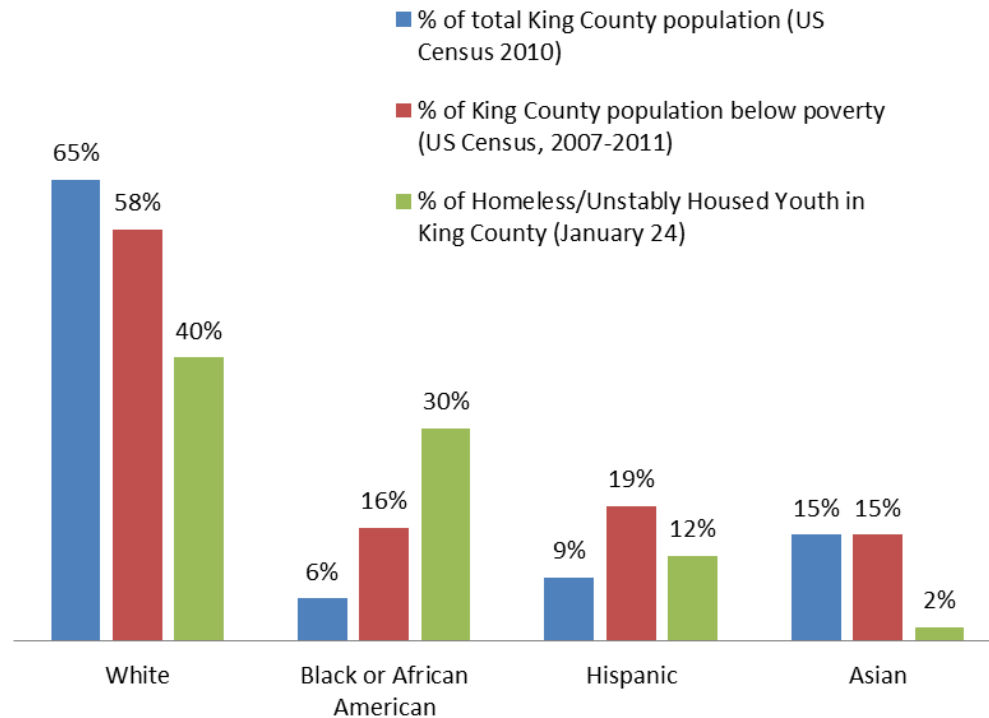


- In King County, 776 youth and young adults age 12 – 25 were counted as homeless or unstably housed on January 24, 2013
- 447 were staying in shelter or transitional housing programs
- 114 were unsheltered
- 215 were unstably housed

# Preliminary Count Us In data (cont'd)



**People of color experience poverty and homelessness at rates disproportionate to their representation in the total population in King County.**

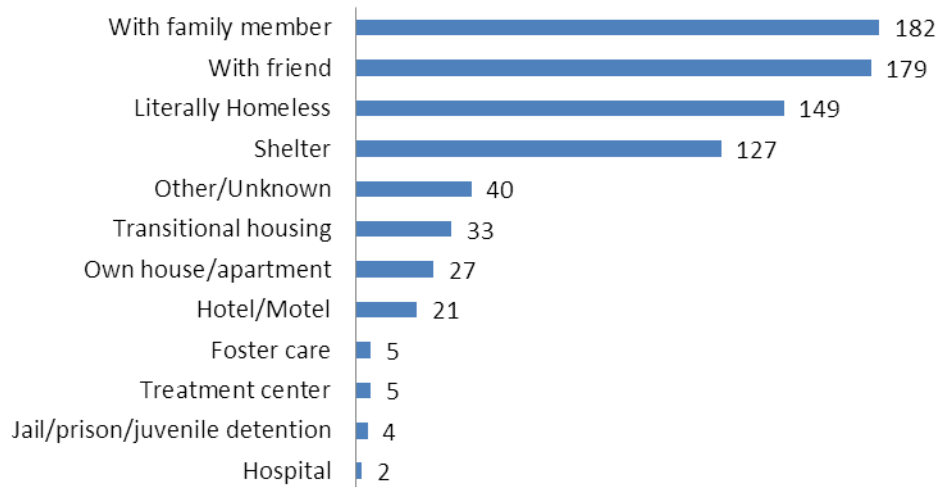


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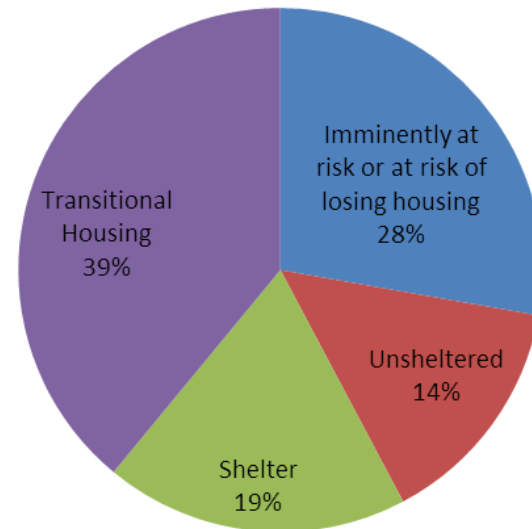


## Place slept before survey or program entry

■ Number of Youth or Young Adults



## Housing Status of Youth and Young Adults, 1/24/13. n=776

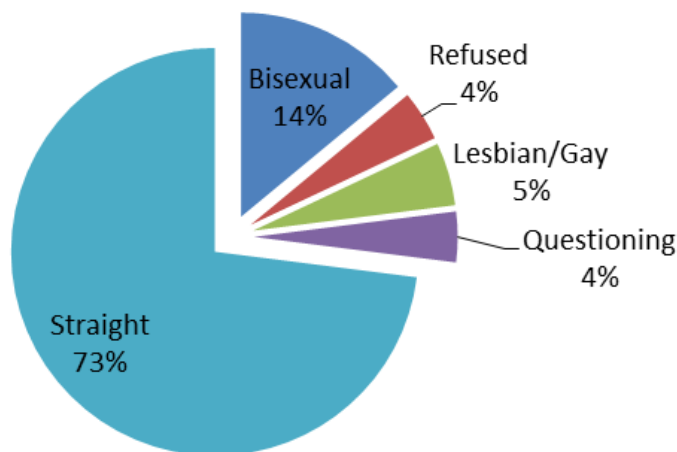


# Preliminary Count Us In data (cont'd)



## Sexual Orientation

Survey youth, n=329



- THINK BEYOND HOMELESS YYA
- KEEP IT SIMPLE!  
ONE PAGE SURVEY
- INTENTIONALLY INVOLVE YOUNG PEOPLE
- FLEXIBILITY & FUNDING TO REACH YOUTH
- LIBRARIES AS KEY PARTNERS
- INVOLVEMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS
- MESSAGING THE RESULTS

# Preliminary Conversation: Outcomes Framework



## SYSTEM PERFORMANCE MEASURES (HEARTH)

- Length of stay in shelter or transitional housing (Target – 20 days or less)
- Returns to shelter or transitional housing after accessing permanent housing (Target <5%)

## FEDERAL TARGETS (HUD)

- Movement from transitional to permanent housing (65%)
- Exiting with employment (20%)

# USICH Outcome Framework



# Discussion: Outcomes Framework



- Existing issues with federal or funder outcomes?
- What are the potential indicators on our wish list?
- Which of these could be measured today?
  - Is the indicator based on some form of **research** that tells us it's meaningful?
  - **Meaningful** to key stakeholders?
  - Does baseline data on this indicator exists or could it be **reasonable collected** in the near future?
  - **Are valid, reliable measures available?**
  - Is it **reasonable to expect to change** this indicator?
  - **Communications power:** does the indicator help us to tell a meaningful, powerful story about the young people?

Save the date:  
Next YYA Stakeholder Forum  
March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013, 2-3:30

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